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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Stendal-Borstel Airfield

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EVALUATION

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 3 and 4 July 1953, source determined that Il-10s parked in the northeastern corner of Stendal-Borstel airfield were painted dark green, including the previously reported aircraft while the 12 Il-10s in front of the hangar were light green. After 7 p.m. on 9 July, there was intensive night flying by ground attack planes which flew individually until early morning. After a short interval on the morning of 10 July, there was intensive air activity including formation flights. At nightfall, a biplane took off, circled once over the field and then landed again. About 8 p.m. on 11 July, an Il-10 took off, but its landing was not observed. ¹

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2. The radio mast in the northeastern corner of the field was not observed on 30 June.² On 7 July, construction material was still stored near the target ranges. However, no observations indicating that construction work would start soon were made. The low wooden buildings located on the western edge of the woods north of the target ranges apparently were unoccupied. On 9 July, 25 to 30 men without arms marched to the new cantonment.

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Comment. The report tends to indicate that the occupation of Stendal-Borstel airfield remained unchanged. The field is still believed to be occupied by a ground-attack regiment and a reconnaissance regiment. The two regiments are equipped with Il-10s. The information that the Il-10s are painted different colors is also confirmed by another source who reported in November 1952 that a smaller was painted there, it is believed that the dark regiment and that the light green planes belong to the reconnaissance regiment.

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2. Comment. The radio mast is probably the same which was previously reported by source. See